AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-20 without prejudice.

Please add the following new claims:

21. (NEW) A method for managing a project, comprising the steps of:

(A) assigning from a membership information database (i) an in-house council and (ii) an outside council to a project based on a first input from an individual;

(B) receiving a document having an initial date;

(C) storing in a global event database (i) said document and (ii) said initial date based on a second input from said individual;

(D) calculating a due date based on both (i) a type of said document and (ii) said initial date;

(E) storing in a calendar database said due date;

(F) selecting said outside council to perform a first task for said project;

(G) receiving from an events engine database as selected by said in-house council an authorization response for said outside council to perform said first task;

(H) sending automatically to said outside council both (i) a work authorization defined by said authorization response and (ii) said document when an authorization event occurs;

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(I) receiving from said events engine database as selected by said in-house council a first conditional response for said first task, wherein said first conditional response is (i) set when said authorization event occurs and (ii) performed if set when a first reminder event occurs;

(J) calculating a first reminder date for said first reminder event;

(K) storing in said calendar database said first reminder date; and

(L) sending automatically on said first reminder date to said outside council a first reminder email to complete said first task if said first conditional response is set.

22. (NEW) The method according to claim 21, further comprising the steps of:

receiving a notice from said outside council indicating that said first task has been completed on a completion date; and

storing in said global event database said completion date based on a third input from said individual.

23. (NEW) The method according to claim 22, further comprising the step of:

cancelling said first reminder email if said completion date is stored before said first reminder date is reached.

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24. (NEW) The method according to claim 21, further comprising the steps of:

assigning from said membership information database a supervisor of said outside council based on a third input from said individual, wherein said supervisor did not receive said first reminder email;

receiving from said events engine database as selected by said in-house council a second conditional response for said first task, wherein said second conditional response is (i) set when said first reminder event occurs and (ii) performed if set when a second reminder event occurs;

calculating a second reminder date for said second reminder event; and

storing in said calendar database said second reminder date.

25. (NEW) The method according to claim 24, further comprising the step:

sending automatically on said second reminder date to both (i) said outside council and (ii) said supervisor a second reminder email to complete said first task if said second conditional response is set.

26. (NEW) The method according to claim 21, further comprising the steps of:

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receiving from said events engine database as selected by said in-house council a second conditional response for a second

5   task, wherein said second conditional response is (i) set when said first task is completed and (ii) performed if set when a second reminder event occurs;

calculating a second event date for said second reminder event as a fixed number of days after said first task is completed;

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storing in said calendar database said second event date.

27. (NEW) The method according to claim 26, further comprising the step of:

sending automatically on said second event date to said outside council a second reminder email to complete said second

5   task if said first task is completed.

28. (NEW) The method according to claim 21, further comprising a storage medium recording a computer program having the steps (A) through (L).

29. (NEW) An apparatus comprising:

a memory configured to store (i) a membership information database, (ii) a global events database, (iii) a calendar database and (iv) an events engine database; and

5   a database management system configured to:

(A) assign from a membership information database (i) an in-house council and (ii) an outside council to a project based on a first input from an individual;

(B) receive a document having an initial date;

(C) store in a global event database (i) said document and (ii) said initial date based on a second input from said individual;

(D) calculate a due date based on both (i) a type of said document and (ii) said initial date;

(E) store in a calendar database said due date;

(F) select said outside council to perform a first task for said project;

(G) receive from an events engine database as selected by said in-house council an authorization response for said outside council to perform said first task;

(H) send automatically to said outside council both (i) a work authorization defined by said authorization response and (ii) said document.when an authorization event occurs;

(I) receive from said events engine database as selected by said in-house council a first conditional response for said first task, wherein said first conditional response is (i) set when said authorization event occurs and (ii) performed if set when a first reminder event occurs;

(J) calculate a first reminder date for said first reminder event;

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(K) store in said calendar database said first reminder date; and

(L) send automatically on said first reminder date to said outside council a first reminder email to complete said first task if said first conditional response is set.

30. (NEW) An apparatus comprising:

means for storing (i) a membership information database, (ii) a global events database, (iii) a calendar database and (iv) an events engine database;

means for assigning from a membership information database (i) an in-house council and (ii) an outside council to a project based on a first input from an individual;

means for receiving a document having an initial date;

means for storing in a global event database (i) said document and (ii) said initial date based on a second input from said individual;

means for calculating a due date based on both (i) a type of said document and (ii) said initial date;

means for storing in a calendar database said due date;

means for selecting said outside council to perform a first task for said project;

means for receiving from an events engine database as selected by said in-house council an authorization response for said outside council to perform said first task;

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means for sending automatically to said outside council both (i) a work authorization defined by said authorization response and (ii) said document when an authorization event occurs;

means for receiving from said events engine database as selected by said in-house council a first conditional response for said first task, wherein said first conditional response is (i) set when said authorization event occurs and (ii) performed if set when a first reminder event occurs;

means for calculating a first reminder date for said first reminder event;

means for storing in said calendar database said first reminder date; and

means for sending automatically on said first reminder date to said outside council a first reminder email to complete said first task if said first conditional response is set.